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***Filing Date Granted***

This application has been accorded an Application Number and Filing Date. The application, however, is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to correct the informalities indicated below. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- A substitute specification in compliance with 37 CFR 1.52 because:
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In re Application of:

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Filed: December 18, 2001 : Examiner: To be assigned

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS  
FOR PRODUCING ELONGATE  
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PRODUCT, AND USE OF THE  
SUPPORT ELEMENT : Atty Docket: 21547/0287

**RESPONSE TO "NOTICE TO FILE CORRECTED APPLICATION PAPERS"**

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Sir:

In response to the **NOTICE TO FILE CORRECTED APPLICATION PAPERS** dated January 8, 2002, Applicants submit herewith the following documents for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

1. Copy of the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers; and
2. Substitute specification.

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